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THE Dean of Chester's SPEECH TO His MAJESTY.

August the 27th. 1687.

ALLOW Us Great SIR, *to express our Loyal Joy, in beholding here the Face of Your Sacred* MAJESTY. *Our Eyes are now Blest, while We see amongst us that Mighty and Wonderful* KING, *who equals in Clemency His late* Royal Brother, *in the sincerity of His Religious purpose; His Father the glorious* Martyr; *in other Princely Virtues, both His Grand-fathers, the Great* HENRY *of* France, *in Courage and Conduct of Wars: And King* JAMES *the* I. *of* England, *in Wisdom, and Defence of this National Church: And what more recommends this Generous* Patronage, *He preserves that* Altar *from being overthrown, at which He does not Worship.*

'Twere

'Twere to be wished True, *that all who enjoy this Protection, had returned suitably their thankful* ADDRESSES: *However it be, We humbly hope, that Your* MAJESTY, *like* GOD, (*whom in Governing-power, You Represent upon Earth; and in Pardoning-mercy, You do imitate,*) *will be kind to the unthankful, and according to Your accustom'd Goodness, will spare the Place for the smaller visible number of good Men therein.*

So great Grace certainly heals their Infidelity and Revolt, especially, when they are thus invited to believe, and adhere to a Prince, of whom we have had the Experience, that He will no sooner recede from His Promise, than He would fly from an Enemy in the Field.

As for what concerns Us of this Royal Foundation, with all Humility, I undertake for my self, and several of my Brethren, that We will continue to advance amongst Your Subjects, the strict Principles of a mannerly, peaceful, and active Loyalty, making earnest Prayers to Almighty GOD, that He would in this World grant Your Majesty length of Days, and hereafter Eternal Life and Glory.

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